THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) to (d) IISCO is a sick company and has been under reference to BIFR since June, 1994 for determination of measures in regard to the future of the company. SAIL have submitted a proposal to revive IISCO in a Joint Venture (JV) partnership with M/s. Tyazhpromexport (TPE) of Russia. This Proposal is dependent on the use of Rupee Debt Funds for which an Inter Governmental Agreement between the Government of Russia and Government of India is required. The Project *inter-alia* envisages an investment of Rs. 2107 crores, writing off of accumulated losses etc. Govt of India's efforts in this direction culminated in the signing of a Protocol in the Fifth Session of Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission in November, 1998. In the Protocol, it has been proposed to use a part of India Rupee Debts as contribution of the Russian side to the Joint Venture Company.

Further, Govt. of India have already presented the draft of an agreement to the Russian side. The response of the Russian Govt. is awaited.

However, any scheme to be taken up for modernisation will have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

Enforcement of the Disabilities Act, 1995

*268. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pelased to state;

(a) the date from which the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995, has become effective;

(b) whether the Chief Commissioner at Central level and Commissioner at State level have started functioning; and

(c) if so, the locations and the addresses of their offices where the aggrieved persons can contact them for their problems/grevances and non-implementation of the aforesaid Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, has come into effect from 7th February, 1996.

(b) The Government of India have appointed the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Central level, on 1st September, 1998. The State Governments have also taken action to appoint Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at State level.

(c) The Government of India have decided to establish the Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Nagpur. Steps have already been taken to obtain office accommodation for this office at Nagpur. However, the present address of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is as follows:

SHRI B.L. Sharma,
Chief Commissioner for Persons with Diabilities,
Room No. 249, A-Wing,
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Most of the State Government/UTs have appointed the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. The addresses of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities of these States/UTs are given below:

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Address of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
1.	Assam	Commissioner & Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare Deptt. Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Special Commissioner for Disabled-cum-Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Women Development, Child Welfare & Disabled Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
3.	Goa	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt.-cum-Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of Goa, Secretariat, Panaji.
4.	Gujarat	The Commissioner for Disability, Block No. 5/9th floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinar-582010, Gujarat.
5.	Haryana	Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Room No. 45, 6th floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
6.	Kerala	Commissioner for Disabilities, C/o Kerala State Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
7.	Karnataka	Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Karnataka Govt. Secretariat, M.S. Building, Bangalore.
8.	Maharashtra	Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities, C/o Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
9.	Mizoram	Addl. Secretary cum Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Mizoram, Aizawl.
10.	Orissa	Director-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare, Women & Child Development Deptt., Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
11.	Punjab	Director-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Security and Women & Children Development Deptt., Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
12.	Rajasthan	Director-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
13.	Sikkim	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
14.	Tamil Nadu	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, Secretariat, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai-9.
15.	Tripura	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare & Social Education, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Special Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Handicapped Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
17.	Madhya Pradesh	Director, Panchayat and Social Welfare and Commissioner

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Address of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
		for Disabilities, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
18.	Chandigarh	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for disabilities, Social Welfare Deptt., Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh.
19.	Pondicherry	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for disabilities, Welfare Depatment, Govt. of Pondicherry, Pondicherry.
20.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Director-cum-Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, C/o Social Welfare Deptt., Dadra & Nagar Haveli Administration, Silvassa.
21.	Lakshadweep	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Welfare Department, Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti.
22.	Delhi	Director-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare Department, Govt of NCT of Delhi, 5, Sham Nath Marg, Secretariat, Delhi.
23.	West Bengal	OSD & Ex-Officio Director cum Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal, Secretariat, Calcutta.
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	Secretary-cum-Commissioner for Disabilities, Social Weflare Deptt., Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun.
25.	Meghalaya	Commissioner for Disabilities, C/o Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Industries set up in Assam

*269. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries set up in private and public sector in the State of Assam during the period from 1991-92 to 1998-99, alongwith the locations thereof;

(b) the details of investment made by Government in the State during this period under economic reforms; and

(c) the details of industries proposed to be set up in Assam during the Ninth Plan, alongwith the financial allocation made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) (a) and (b) Between August, 1991 to December, 1998, 81 Letters of Intent (LOI) have been granted and 78 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) have been filed for setting up industries in the private and public sector in the State of Assam. The details of location and proposed investment are given Statement (*See below*). The focus of economic reforms has been to facilitate investment decisions by investors and to minimise direct Public Investment for setting up industry. Private Investment is mainly dependent on the provactive measures undertaken in each state and its relative attractiveness as an investment destination.

(c) Under the Ninth Plan proposals, a rehabilitation package for Namrup Fertilizer plant of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC), a public sector undertaking, has been approved by the Government at a total cost of Rs. 350 crores.